

# Inauguration To Mark Swing To Simplicity

## Pomp and Parade To Be Conspicuous by Absence When President-Elect Harding Takes the Oath

### No "Salvo of Artillery"

## Installation in Office to Recall the Day When Jefferson Walked to the Capitol

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Inauguration of President-elect Harding will mark the first swing of ceremonies toward simplicity since Thomas Jefferson tolled up Capitol Hill about 121 years ago.

The ceremony of administering the oath will be as it was prescribed by George Washington. There will be no change in its utter simplicity, but Mr. Harding, by his own decision, will enter upon his great task without the pomp and parade that have hitherto surrounded that solemn moment as the years went by. Not even the "salvo of artillery" that heralded the dawn of Jefferson's inauguration day will be fired, and the historic echoes along the Potomac next Friday.

Gone, too, will be the inaugural parade, time honored since regular and militia troops preceded the historic route up Pennsylvania Avenue to "The President's House" when President Madison rode in state to take up duties laid down by Jefferson. Weather and the present situation of the national spectacle in the years that followed.

Gone also the decorated floats and the children from many states which accompanied President William Henry Harrison as he rode his horse to the Capitol to take the oath; gone the strapping ranks of Cabinet officers and army and navy leaders, the members of Georgetown University which made the historic journey with Polk; gone the military splendor of the pageants that marked the inauguration of the office of soldierly Zachary Taylor and U. S. Grant.

### Cadets Not to March

Among things of the more recent past not to be revived for Mr. Harding will be the gray and white cadet line of West Point, marching proudly and with perfect union to the great avenue. Inauguration has been for these future leaders of the army and navy, and the nation has lavished well deserved plaudits on their appearance.

When Polk rode to his inauguration a "kid glove" troop of young Virginians, the Fairfax Cavalry, clattered before him as special escort. It was the first time that a military unit had been specially distinguished in such fashion, but at times thereafter incoming Presidents have paid and received complimentary visits of the kind. Mr. Harding's inauguration will be lacking all of these military details. President Benjamin Harrison rode at the head of his old regiment, the 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. President McKinley was escorted by Troop A of Cleveland's Black Horse Cavalry.

Great with problems as may be, the four years ahead of Mr. Harding as he turns with the weight of his oath upon him to the work he has himself said will be calling, a grim tenness that has hung over the inauguration of some of his predecessors will be lacking.

### Hayes Sworn in Twice

Madison was to see Washington in enemy hands and "The President's House" fired by British; the drumming tramp of troops by full war gear, called to the rescue of the capital, was the storm of civil war, was in Lincoln's ears as he pledged his faith, his very life, to his task. Yet Douglas, his defeated rival, stood by him, and he took his hat as Lincoln bent his long figure to seal his oath with his lips upon the Bible.

Four years later, again called to high service, Lincoln saw the wrack and ruin of war spreading far to the South beyond the Potomac. War-maimed men were groaning in hospitals, and the dead were being taken to the oaths and ahead lay bitter days of reconstruction.

President Hayes was twice sworn in. After a year of the struggle, the election decision had left a rankling sore behind it, for one electoral vote had defeated Tilden. On March 3 the oath was first administered privately to the President-elect, to be repeated in public March 6.

When Woodrow Wilson rode down Pennsylvania Avenue and back again at the second inauguration in 1917, American entry into the World War was at hand. The last remnants of the court of honor before the White House erected for inauguration had been dismantled before the nation was aflame with war.

There have been other inaugurations which were darker, clouded, however. Andrew Jackson, who died in 1829 soon after the death of his wife, which curtailed inauguration ceremonies, and five times Vice-Presidents have been inaugurated in the presence of death. During the last week there has been a recurrence of the regular mid-Victorian he-fogs, and thousands of persons, with smarting eyes and throats, can testify that none of the attributes necessary to make a complete success of the fog has been omitted with the passage of time. One of the genuine London fog is to the ordinary as five-star Hennessy is to home brew.

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cutive to take the oath of office on the east portico of the Capitol. A controversy as to whether the Senate or House chamber should witness the proceedings was settled by this decision to have the inauguration take place in the same place. Otherwise, he will be conducted to the Senate Chamber, for the House will not be in session.

And from Jefferson's coach and four, which failed to arrive for his inauguration, several Presidents have used conveyances in riding to the Capitol. Jackson rode to the ceremony in a four-horse phaeton fashioned from the timbers of the old frigate Constitution, and with a picture of the ship under full sail painted on the panels. It is thought it would be a very creditable turn-out on a certain said one contemporary writer. The phaeton was also used at Van Buren's inauguration to succeed Jackson, though the same writer notes that during his incumbency Jackson drove much behind a high-stepping, bony old iron-gray steed attached to a sulky presented by "some eccentric mechanic," which was built out of "rough-cut hickory with the bark on and every nail with the look of Old Hickory himself."

General Harrison, though he rode his horse to the Capitol, returned to the White House in a coach presented to him by "the Whigs of Baltimore."

## British War Veterans Organize Raiders Club

### Members Meet Weekly for Dinner in Soho Restaurant; 13 Ex-Officers Hold Reunions

From The Tribune's European Bureau  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—The imposing club that line Pall Mall are known throughout the world, but London has other clubs far less ambitious, but full of novelty and interest.

Each week the Raiders Club meets in a Soho restaurant for dinner. The members are all men who did at one time or another in the war and all have war decorations. Over the coffee cups they fight their battles again, forgetting for a time the civilian clothes and the less thrilling duties of business life.

Another veterans' organization is the "Soho Raiders Club." The members are all officers in the same battalion, the number of which was thirteen. On the 13th and 24th of each month they meet at the fountain in Piccadilly and adjourn to a nearby restaurant. If all thirteen members do not arrive chairs are placed for them and a dinner and wine served at the vacant places.

## Sea Scouts Branch Has 5,000 British Members

### Boys Have Former Fisheries Patrol Vessel Fitted as Training Ship in London

From The Tribune's European Bureau  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—A division of the Boy Scouts movement, which is very popular here, is the Sea Scouts, a branch inaugurated in 1911 for scouts who had completed the training course in land and sea camping and wanted new fields of study.

The Sea Scouts branch has grown rapidly and the boys now have a ship which is all their own, the S. S. Northampton, formerly a fisheries patrol vessel, which has been remodelled and is now being used as a training ship and school in the Thames, off the Embankment. It is fitted up with a gymnasium, carpenter shop, and a large hall for meetings, and here the various Sea Scout units come for instruction in knots, hitches, lights, whistles and rules of the road.

The Sea Scouts branch is operated with the Coast Guard service in coast watching work, serving as signallers, dispatch carriers, inspectors of wrecks and submarine lookouts. Each scout patrol is a small boat, with a crew of beach, working in all weathers. Thousands of boys participated in this work. There are now over 5,000 Sea Scouts in the various branches.

## Chile Seeks Canadian Trade

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 27 (By Mail).—Alberto Yocum, Mayor, formerly Chilean Minister in Mexico, who is still in that country, has been appointed chief of a government mission to Canada for the purpose of studying the possibilities of greater commercial exchange between that country and Chile.

## Oldtime Fog Pays London A Visit After Long Absence

### Pea Soup Variety, Famed in Song and Story, Drops In for a Spell and Is None Too Welcome

By Harold E. Scarborough  
From The Tribune's European Bureau  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—The casual visitor to London comes and sees the mild morning mists of the Thames Valley and the fog that is the common sight of the famous London fogs are much overrated institutions. Only occasionally, say Londoners born and bred, do the fogs come to the fore in their appearance. During the last week there has been a recurrence of the regular mid-Victorian he-fogs, and thousands of persons, with smarting eyes and throats, can testify that none of the attributes necessary to make a complete success of the fog has been omitted with the passage of time. One of the genuine London fog is to the ordinary as five-star Hennessy is to home brew.

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Everything Obliterated  
In the genuine pea-soup variety, so named for its obvious resemblance in color, if not in taste, to that delectable food of the common London fog, the mist. One sees nothing except this monster of grayish yellow, which is truly so dense and so impervious that one feels he should be able to push it aside with a broom. And in it are all the noxious, all the objectionable, fumes which are discharged from London's thousands of chimneys and held suspended in the air.

# Irish Confederation Planned as Solution Of Ulster Question

## Ireland, Says Registrar of Cork University, Originator of Scheme, Should Be Divided in 40 Regions

CORK, Feb. 9 (By Mail).—An original scheme of government for Ireland, proposed by Professor Alfred O'Reilly, registrar of the University of Cork, is arousing great interest in Ireland. The correspondent has been informed that the plan has been informed by many men prominent in the Dublin movement, in which Professor O'Reilly is a leader.

Briefly, the scheme calls for an Irish confederation and, according to Professor O'Reilly, who discussed it at length in an interview with the correspondent, it provides for only forty regions of the northeast Ulster question. Professor O'Reilly is not opposed to the idea of partition. "Our proper attitude," he said, "should be to insist on more partition. Ireland should be divided not into two, but into forty regions. By tradition, instinct, faith and circumstances we ought to aim at decentralization and regionalism and uphold the sovereignty of the people."

Business men fear is the possibility of an all-powerful central Parliament in Dublin. And to tell the truth, Cork men are not really enthusiastic about the idea of a far-extended Ulster. Many peasants likely to favor a central sovereign assembly controlling all the minutia of Irish life.

"It is a mistake to think there is merely a Ulster problem. There are about forty problems. We are a heterogeneous people and to remain true to ourselves we must have far more local liberty and regional autonomy than we have at present. We need a central parliament or two assemblies in Belfast and Dublin."

In Switzerland, he pointed out, there are twenty-two sovereign states, differing in size, language, race and economic position, although Switzerland is only half the size of Ireland. "Every Irish county," he went on, "has a different history, a different character, a different language. The real objection to the partition act is that it doesn't give Belfast and Ulster enough local liberty and power. In an Irish confederation they ought to get far more."

The proposed federal system, Professor O'Reilly said, might be either a confederation of states, or it might be a federal assembly consisting of a national council and a council of counties.

## More Boys Than Girls Born Statistics in England Indicate After-War Influence

From The Tribune's European Bureau  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—The belief that more boys than girls are born after periods of war has been vindicated in the vital statistics recently published by the registrar general here.

More than 20,000 more boys than girls were born in 1919, the highest proportion since the commencement of registration in 1838. The fact that more boys were born was first noticed in the birth statistics of 1916 and has steadily increased since.

Another curious fact of "sex ratios" is that as prices increase, the percentage of boys born increases. This has been strikingly demonstrated in the past fifty years.

## Mixes Vanity With Art

### American Painter Draws Crowd To Canvas With Mirror

From The Tribune's European Bureau  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—An American who has just returned from Paris tells an interesting story of a recent exhibition there. Many pictures were hung and each artist tried to attract popular attention to his own work. One man succeeded. He framed his picture in a large mirror and every woman who passed by paused before it to straighten her hair and powder her nose. There was always a crowd before his painting.

## Symbolism in Pictures

The entrance to the house is through a vestibule enclosed in glass. This was filled with palms, ferns, and dozens of large calla lilies. A large oil painting on stone, and framed in marble, corresponding to the shape of the archway, faced the glass entrance door of the vestibule. The subject was from the twenty-second chapter of Revelation, and he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God. The river and the trees on either side readily indicated the religious character of the painting. The solid mahogany door, which gives entrance to Mrs. Stetson's home, bears a massive bronze knocker, representing a woman, who holds down two lions, one with each hand. One acquainted with symbolism would at once apply this to the great moral courage which Mrs. Stetson must possess, to have carried on her Cause with such seeming conspicuous success in the face of obstacles.

I was ushered into a beautiful Louis XVI drawing room, the walls of which were hung with rose du Barry brocade satin. The five large arched windows were draped with heavy satin of the same shade and lilted lace.

Eight fluted Corinthian columns in ivory tone gave architectural dignity to the room. On the walls were two large oil paintings. One, by Hoffman, was a picture of the boy Christ disputing with the wise men in the temple. The other was a shepherdess with her sheep. The piano and harp, both in dull gold, and the chairs, tables and ornaments gave the observer an impression of harmony and beauty to be found only in a home of refinement and culture.

# Mrs. Stetson Expounds Christian Science Views

## Founder of Local Church Gives First Interview on Dissension Which Resulted in Expulsion of Twenty-six Church Members.

For eleven years Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, founder of First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Ninety-sixth street and Central Park West, and sent here as a pioneer, over thirty years ago, by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, has been a veritable sphinx concerning the affairs of the church. The Evening Mail is able to print the first interview to break the spell. Mrs. Stetson recently has been printing sermons, but they have not revealed her position with regard to the break in her relations with First Church, nor of the Boston dispute. Naturally the Editor and the writer assume no responsibility for Mrs. Stetson's religious views or other statements; they are printed to give light on recent happenings in the Christian Science Church.

By CHARLES A. STARR  
During the past two years the dissension between the directors of The Mother Church in Boston and the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, which finally resulted in litigation, is believed by many to indicate that the Christian Science Church is disintegrating and losing its power.

It is also alleged that as a result of discord at headquarters there have followed factions and schismatic conditions in every branch church in the organization.

With this in mind, I had taken time to read several Christian Science sermons, which were published recently in the Sunday editions of the New York newspapers, by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., to find some clue to her position in the dispute.

Sent by Mrs. Eddy  
I learned that Mrs. Stetson had been sent here many years ago by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, and that she, with her students, had built First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Ninety-sixth Street and Central Park West, at a cost of \$1,250,000, and dedicated it, free of debt, as soon as completed.

These sermons convinced me that Mrs. Stetson understands and is wholly loyal to the Science which Mrs. Eddy gave to her followers, and that she is convinced that the product of her versatile pen and logic of her presentation will give much light to those whom she calls doubters and seekers for Truth upon a religion for which it is claimed that, if demonstrable, every one will be eager to investigate and possess.

Desiring to secure an authoritative statement regarding the momentous issues in the Christian Science Church, I sought an interview with Mrs. Stetson, who did not know me. Perhaps I was moved also by a desire to see if the Christian Science teaching was being proved in unpaired faculties, health and prosperity by this woman, whom a large following claims as one of New York's valued citizens. Certainly it has for years honored her for a brave, unflinching defense of the religion which she believes and declares is Christ's gift to the world, rediscovered by Mrs. Eddy. I therefore rang the bell at the brick and marble residence which, I learned, Mrs. Stetson built, owns, and has occupied for fifteen years.

"God's law must be obeyed by those claiming to be Christian Scientists. They must see their brother through spiritual sense and fulfill the law of Love for each other. In the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians Paul says, 'Though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.' The false claim of malice, hate and greed must gradually disappear under the solvent Love, which is a quality of Spirit."

Mrs. Stetson then referred me to many fac-simile letters from Mrs. Eddy, which showed Mrs. Eddy's confidence in Mrs. Stetson's understanding and demonstration of Christian Science. She also showed me a fac-simile letter, dated July 20, 1907, in which Mrs. Eddy said she was comforted by Mrs. Stetson's answer to her question, whether she was really come out from the material world and follow Christ. Mrs. Stetson had replied that she thought she was ready.

## Firm Foundation

In one of the Christian Science sermons there was another letter from Mrs. Eddy, in which she asked her dear brethren in New York if they were ready to build higher, on a wholly spiritual foundation; that Spirit was all, and there was no matter. The reply of Mrs. Stetson to the trustees to this letter was that they desired to build on a wholly spiritual foundation. Then came the separation from the material organization.

I asked Mrs. Stetson what the result would be of this convulsion or revolution in the material organization. She replied: "It will give a firmer foundation to Christ's Christianity, or Christian Science, and will finally establish Christian Science on a spiritual foundation, according to the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy."

I explained to Mrs. Stetson that I had read in the press accounts of the expulsion of twenty-six of her students from the church which she, with her students, had built, on the alleged grounds of non-attendance, and of their immediate reinstatement by those now in control of the church, after proceedings had been begun in court by the twenty-six expelled members.

"I have also read the full-page sermons on Christian Science," I explained, "which, subsequent to this legal action, you have published in the advertising columns of the press, doubtless at great expense to yourself, and I must admit the logic, eloquence and force of your articles have interested me; but I found

nothing whatever of the twenty-six expelled students and no mention of your opponents. Therefore, I was puzzled as to your motive."

## Preached for Years

"Mr. Starr," began my hostess, "for years I have preached from the pulpit to those who were desirous of learning the Science of Life, as taught by Christ Jesus and rediscovered and given to the present age by Mrs. Eddy. But when twenty-six of my students were dropped recently from membership in our church, without previous notice or hearing on the charge of not having attended the church services for a year, I saw that I must avail myself of the press in order that all may know what my teaching of Christian Science really has been and is."

"My life is known by many, but my teachings have been called by the directors of the material organization 'pretended Christian Science,' and my books, *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, and Vital Lessons for the Christian Scientist*, with *Facsimile Letters of Mary Baker Eddy*, which contain all that I have taught and demonstrated for years, have been boycotted and the members of the organization forbidden to read them. I have even been told by those who afterward repented of ever having committed such an act, that my books have been burned."

"So in justice to my great Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, to myself and to my students, I decided to publish my teachings regardless of the expense, and I appealed to humanity, through the press, to judge whether my spiritual interpretation of the Bible and of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* conformed to Mrs. Eddy's teachings. I added at the end of the book, 'I have written this through the press, to know that genuine Christian Science, which I teach and demonstrate, will show the people the way to health, holiness and immortality, if understood and practiced.'"

"In doing this I have brought the notice of thousands to Christian Science, hoping to direct their attention to the churches, where the pastor that Mary Baker Eddy ordained—*which is the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, and readings from which constitute the Sunday morning sermon, without any interpretation,—may awaken many to genuine, demonstrable Christian Science."

## Faith Tested

"My responsibility is in being willing to go all the way that Jesus marked out, even to drinking his cup of opposition to his statement that he was the Son of God, which relation, in this hour, true Christian Scientists also claim for themselves, namely, that they are the sons and daughters of God, who is the only creator, the Father and Mother of all."

"As a pioneer of Christian Science my faith and understanding, in demonstration of Christ's teaching, have been tested, under the greatest stress of opposition to the spiritual fact, that I am a child of God, spiritual and not material. I have had to rise to a proof of supremacy of divine love for God and for my brother man."

"To fulfill this mission has been my responsibility. It is the people who are now responsible for rejecting, or accepting and proving the rule, or the law of Life, the fulfilling of which is love for God and man."

Looking at Mrs. Stetson, radiant in health, intelligence and energy, I realized the necessity of proof of such a premise, to convince others of its value.

"I have been told, Mrs. Stetson, that these twenty-six people who were dropped from membership in their church are prominent citizens, men of representative character and women of high culture and intelligence."

"Yes, they are," Mrs. Stetson replied. "These men of affairs and great prominence, and women of the highest refinement and culture, were dropped without a hearing."

"Were all of them your students?"

"Yes. Some of them were trustees for years, during the building of the church. At the time of the separation, when the organization passed into the hands of the directors, my trustees, who were then in office, resigned and left the management of the material organization to those who were appointed."

"During the eleven years since that time, those who began with me to build 'on a wholly spiritual foundation' have not interfered in the slightest with the church management. However, they have continued to support the church, and have followed the Sunday morning service, to hear their Pastor, which is the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*."

"They had always been church members before coming into Christian Science, and their Sabbath church service had become part of themselves. They continued to occupy seats in the church edifice, to the exclusion of those who had formerly contributed and to which they had invited both the saint and the sinner. Their spiritual thought and their presence accentuated the spiritual animus of the Bible readings and the correlative passages from *Science and Health*, which served as Pastor of all Christian Science churches, and their unselfed love for God and man was and is a blessing to all upon whom their thoughts rest."

"My students, with me, are striving to attain unity of the spirit in the bonds of love. They claim they have a right to a seat in the church edifice which they built."

The speaker, whose white-garbed figure appeared almost luminous in the golden lamplight, seemed to be looking beyond and above me, oblivious to all mundane things, as if in communion with some profound source of inspiration, as she continued:

## But One Church

"In Christian Science there is but one Church, even as there is but one Book of Life. Mrs. Eddy defines this Church as 'the structure of Truth and Love,' which means a wholly spiritual consciousness or character, the Mind of Christ. In this one Church, as in this one Book of Life, of which the material book

is but the symbol, the names of those who attain to a wholly spiritual organization will be found, as the Bible declares, in Revelation.

"Therefore, it is the individual work of every Christian Scientist to so fulfill the law of Love and Truth that his name will finally be revealed, written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and enrolled in this Church, the Church Triumphant, from which no name can ever be removed. In retaining their membership in their Church or spiritual consciousness my students are not dwelling in a material organization, but they are unfolding and revealing their spiritual oneness with creative Principle, Mind, Soul, Spirit, God."

"Mrs. Stetson," I asked, "to what do you attribute the recent expulsion of the twenty-six members?"

"Recently, three of my former trustees attended a corporate meeting of the church, the first at which they had been present during all these years. Shortly thereafter came the notification that the twenty-six members had been dropped, the charge being that they had not attended church for one year. The material directors never drop a member except for serious misdemeanors or criminal acts."

"It goes without saying that these persons, whose high moral character had never been questioned, would have had to carry through life the stigma of having been dropped from a church, which claims to be based upon brotherly love, and in justice to Christian Science, as well as to themselves, they demanded the right of mandamus, which compelled immediate replacement of their names upon the church rolls."

## Reinstated at Once

"And was there a contest in court over the issuance of this writ?"

"No, these members were reinstated at once."

"Have other of your students been dropped heretofore without a hearing?" I inquired.

"Yes, many have been dropped from this time, during the past eleven years."

"Have all been expelled for alleged non-attendance?"

"No, in other instances the charges are that they adhere to my teachings and read my books. My students interpret the Bible, and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* spiritually, as I do. We claim this right of spiritually interpreting the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings."

"In her writings Mrs. Eddy recognizes the dangers of material organization. Let me read you this quotation from *Retrospection and Introspection*, page 45:

"'After this material form of cohesion and fellowship has accomplished its end, continued organization retards spiritual growth and should be laid off even as the corporeal organization deemed requisite in the first stages of mortal existence is finally laid off, in order to gain spiritual freedom and supremacy.'"

"What, then, is the function of 'material organization,' as you call it?" was my next question.

## Individual Growth

"Material organization is requisite in the primary stages of Christian Science and should not be disrupted any more than the primary grade of a school should be discontinued because some of its pupils have graduated into a higher grade."

"The proper time for emergence from material organization must be determined by the individual growth of each aspirant to the name of Christian Scientist. He must first be able to recognize, and be willing to overcome, those false qualities within himself which claim to oppose his progress Spiritward. Until he is able to recognize and overcome those false qualities, he is not prepared for spiritual organization, in which the element of unity results from love of God and for 'thy neighbor as thyself,' and within which factions, boycotts and dissensions are impossible."

"After I, with my trustees, had replied to Mrs. Eddy's letter, informing her that we did desire to 'build higher,' some of my students wrote me letters in which they asserted that they were beginning to build character on the spiritual understanding, that 'Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is all.' 'There is no matter,' and therefore that they must see me, and every one, as a spiritual idea. These letters I sent to Mrs. Eddy, as evidence that some of my students had risen to this point of spiritual discernment."

"The hour had now arrived when I was ready to come out from the material organization. I had finished my work, built my church edifice and had occupied it for six years. Mrs. Eddy, seeing that some of my students had grasped the spiritual import of Christian Science, published in the 'Sentinel' these letters of my students, and the separation of those who had risen to a desire to begin to build 'on a wholly spiritual foundation,' and those who had not, began. From that moment I, with my students, met the opposition of those who were not ready to begin to build 'on a wholly spiritual foundation.'"

## Withdraw Membership

"Having worked through the 'material form of cohesion and fellowship' myself, I quietly withdrew my membership from my own church, thus causing contention to cease and preventing any disruption in the material organization, which must be carried on until all are ready to begin to build 'on a wholly spiritual foundation,' which is: 'Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is all.' 'There is no matter.'"

"With my students I continue to build 'on the structure of Truth and Love.' I have not been inside the church edifice for eleven years, but for years, at the regular hour of worship, I have gone through the appointed lesson-sermon alone with God, and have reflected Love and Truth into consciousness, trusting it to 'feed the famished affections' of those who are seeking Christian Science."

"Remaining at home for my church service, I can make a more conscious connection with Life and Love alone with God, and can do more toward reflecting to the people the power of Truth than by meeting physical personalities, which constitute a material organization, and this protects the church and helps the people."

I asked Mrs. Stetson if she expected to return to her old position in the church.

"No, Mr. Starr," she replied, "I do not expect to return to my old position. From those services I have resigned my right to the church edifice, which Mrs. Eddy built with me, and which she designated as 'Mrs. Stetson's Church.' I think that some time all will have the privilege of attending the church services, and listening to their Pastor,—the Bible and correlative passages from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, without opposition, for Love reflected in love will finally result in unity of the true brethren in the bonds of peace."

## Takes Periodicals

"Mrs. Stetson, I have heard that the Christian Science periodicals have been boycotted by many of the churches and members. Do you subscribe to the periodicals?"

"Certainly. I have never for a moment discontinued my interest in any of the periodicals, and I subscribe to them all,—the *Christian Science Quarterly*, the *Monitor*, the *Sentinel* and the *Journal*. Mrs. Eddy enjoined her followers to subscribe to them, and her voice is just as audible to me as then. The periodicals are part of Mrs. Eddy's work; she established them, and in our *Church Manual* she says:

"'It shall be the duty and privilege of every member, who can afford it, to subscribe for the periodicals which are the organs of this church.'"

"Since you subscribe to the periodicals, Mrs. Stetson, does this mean that you support the trustees of the Publishing Society in their contention with the directors of The Mother Church, now at issue in the Massachusetts courts?"

"Mr. Starr, both the directors and the trustees of the church, since I, with my students, began to build 'on a wholly spiritual foundation,' in obedience to Mrs. Eddy's request; but I could not entertain resentment of their opposition. That would hold me in a material concept and would prevent my spiritual development."

## Unable to Understand

"They seem unable to understand the spiritual goal which I strive to attain. I have found refuge in the words of Christ Jesus: 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' The dissension in Boston is entirely apart from my spiritual activities. They must leave to me my inalienable right to interpret Christian Science from a wholly spiritual foundation, which mission Mrs. Eddy had prepared me during an intimate association of more than twenty-five years."

"I am confident that I am right, because of my demonstration of the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, and of the power of spiritual love to deliver me from the claim of a material law and a mortal man, with its material organizations."